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LETTER DATED 18 MARCH 1994 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that, during the period from 1 to 10 March 1994, United States aircraft continued to violate Iraqi airspace for the purpose of reconnaissance and provocation.

1 March 1994

(a) Northern region: 21 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar, Amadiyah and Dukan.

(b) Southern region: 34 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Basra, Busayyah, Jalibah and Qal'at Salih.

2 March 1994

(a) Northern region: 17 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 39 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Basra, Nasiriyah, Amarah, Samawah, Qal'at Salih, Qurnah, Salman and Busayyah.

- At 1228 hours on 2 March 1994, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft violated Iraqi airspace, flying at a speed of 600 km/h and at an altitude of 20,000 m over Basra, Qurnah, Nasiriyah, Amarah, Shatrah, Shanafiyah, Rumaythah and Samawah. It departed at 1450 hours in the direction of Saudi Arabian airspace.

3 March 1994

(a) Northern region: No hostile aerial activity was recorded in the northern region on 3 March 1994.

(b) Southern region: 36 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Qal'at Salih, Qurnah, Artawi, Jalibah, Shatrah, Busayyah and Amarah.

4 March 1994

(a) Northern region: 23 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Mosul, Dohuk, Irbil, Zakho, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 41 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Busayyah, Jalibah, Qal'at Salih, Basra and Qurnah.

5 March 1994

(a) Northern region: No hostile aerial activity was recorded in the region on 5 March 1994.

(b) Southern region: 47 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Basra, Amarah, Samawah, Qurnah, Qal'at Sukkar, Ushbayjah, Busayyah, Jalibah, Artawi, Qal'at Salih and Nasiriyah.

- At 1200 hours on 5 March 1994, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft violated Iraqi airspace, flying at a speed of 600 km/h and at an altitude of 20,000 m over Basra, Amarah, Rumaythah, Shatrah, the region south of Diwaniyah and the region south of Najaf. It departed at 1410 hours in the direction of Saudi Arabian airspace.

6 March 1994

(a) Northern region: No hostile aerial activity was recorded in the northern region on 6 March 1994.

(b) Southern region: 36 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Basra, Qurnah, Artawi, Jalibah, Busayyah and Qal'at Salih.

7 March 1994

(a) Northern region: 27 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Mosul, Dohuk, Irbil, Zakho, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 42 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qal'at Salih, Qurnah, Busayyah, Jalibah and Artawi.

8 March 1994

(a) Northern region: 39 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar, Amadiyah and Ayn Zalah.

(b) Southern region: 42 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Basra, Nasiriyah, Amarah, Samawah, Qal'at Salih, Busayyah, Jalibah and Artawi.

- At 1200 hours on 8 March 1994, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft violated Iraqi airspace, flying at a speed of 600 km/h and at an altitude of 20,000 m over Basra, Amarah, Nasiriyah, Qurnah, Qal'at Salih, the region south of Najaf and the region south of Diwaniyah. It departed at 1445 hours in the direction of Saudi Arabian airspace.

9 March 1994

(a) Northern region: 14 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Ayn Zalah, Zakho and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 22 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Nasiriyah, Basra, Qurnah, Qal'at Salih, Shatrah, Samawah, the region south of Diwaniyah, Artawi, Jabayish, Jalibah and Busayyah.

10 March 1994

(a) Northern region: 29 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Zakho and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 42 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Basra, Qurnah, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Artawi, Jalibah and Busayyah.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nizar HAMDOON
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Permanent Representative